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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Williams et al.

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CONDUCTIVE STRUCTURES FOR
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
COMPONENTS AND METHODS FOR
FABRICATING SAME

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Examiner: J. Mitchell

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Examiner:

This Amendment follows the final Office Action of September 12, 2007, and the Advisory Action of December 17, 2007. As January 12, 2008, fell on a Saturday, this Amendment should be deemed to have been filed within four months of the mailing date of the final Office Action and, accordingly, is being submitted with a petition for extension of time (one month) and the appropriate fee. 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

A listing of claims, in which revisions to the claims are presented, begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 21 of this paper.